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2. The installation was guarded by a guard company of 114 KVPs and 12 dog-handlers, including 30 KVPs who were permanently stationed near the ordnance depot.
3. By order of the central procurement office of the ordnance supply administration, basic material was to be delivered by individual plants, including the Hennigsdorf steel plant, while spare parts came from Mittenwalde (II).<sup>2</sup>
4. Except for mortars, all other infantry weapons were sighted-in at Doberlug. It is believed that artillery weapons will also be sighted-in. So far, artillery pieces have been repaired and handed over to KVP units without being sighted-in. Ammunition for infantry weapons was supplied by Wolfsruh only.
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7. The regular three-month courses for assistant armorer artificers were attended by KVPs of the army except those of tank units, and members of KVP Sea and KVP Air.
8. In August, about 15 x 122-mm artillery pieces, about 40 x 76-mm guns and 12 x 37-mm AA guns were seen standing in the open, while 400 to 500 mortars were observed in the building. Rocket launchers, medium AT guns and 85-mm AA guns were not yet seen.

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